

R E M A R K S

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner for considering and discussing this case, including amended claims 1 and 10.

Appropriate changes to the specification drawings have been made, in regard to Action paragraphs 1 and 2.

In regard to Action paragraphs 3-10, claim 1 has been amended to include the following:

- e) said assembly including a first carrier supporting said first gauge for linear adjustable movement in a first direction, and a second carrier supporting said second gauge for linear adjustable movement in a second direction, said second carrier rigidly supported by said first gauge for bodily movement in said first direction but not in said second direction,
- f) said first carrier slidably carrying said first gauge for vertical movement.

In regard to the above, please note in the example and in Fig. 1 the first carrier 26 supporting

the first gauge 13 for adjustable movement in first direction 23 (see arrows); the second carrier 27 supporting the second gauge 15 from linear adjustable movement in second direction 24; second carrier 27 rigidly supported by first gauge 13 for bodily movement in first direction 23 but not in second direction 24; and also note that the first carrier 26 slidably carries first gauge 13 from vertical movement. See Fig. 1.

With regard to amended claim 1 Pavitt clearly lacks any first carrier supporting his first gauge (11) referenced by Examiner. With regard to claims 12 and 13, and the preamble to claim 1, the wheel movement, and connector plate are recited in the combination, to support the structure listed in the base claim 1 preamble. Pavitt has no such structural combination, lacking any connector plate, wheel movement, and carrier.

Rish's "carrier" extends horizontally, and therefore does not support any first gauge movement for vertical movement, as recited in f) of claim 1. Use of Rish's configuration in Pavitt would result in rotating Pavitt's gauge 11 by 90° into horizontal position, unsuggestive of applicant's configuration.

Mason lacks any suggestion of mounting a gauging apparatus to his plate 26, so is un-suggestive of any combination with Pavitt. Just because Examiner appears to suggest it ''could'' be done is not enough, for rejection.

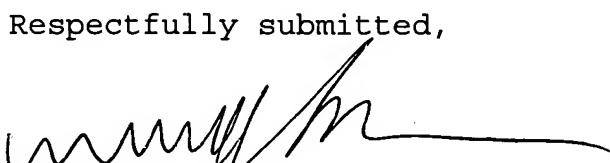
The mere fact that the prior art structure could be modified does not make such a modification obvious unless the prior art suggests the desirability of doing so. In re Gordon, 733 F.2d 900, 902, 221 USPQ 1125, 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

Mason's plate 26 supports horizontally movable structure 30-34, not a vertically movable gauge, as in f) of claim 1.

The dependent claims are all urged to be allowable in the novel and unusual environment of claim 1, as amended, no art teaching or suggesting same.

Allowance is respectfully urged in view of the changes, argument and discussion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 1_a and 5. These replacement sheets, which include Figs. 1, Figs. 1_a and 2_a, and 5, replace the original sheets of drawings.

In Fig. 1, the numeral applied to the "edge" is now 151 instead of 51.

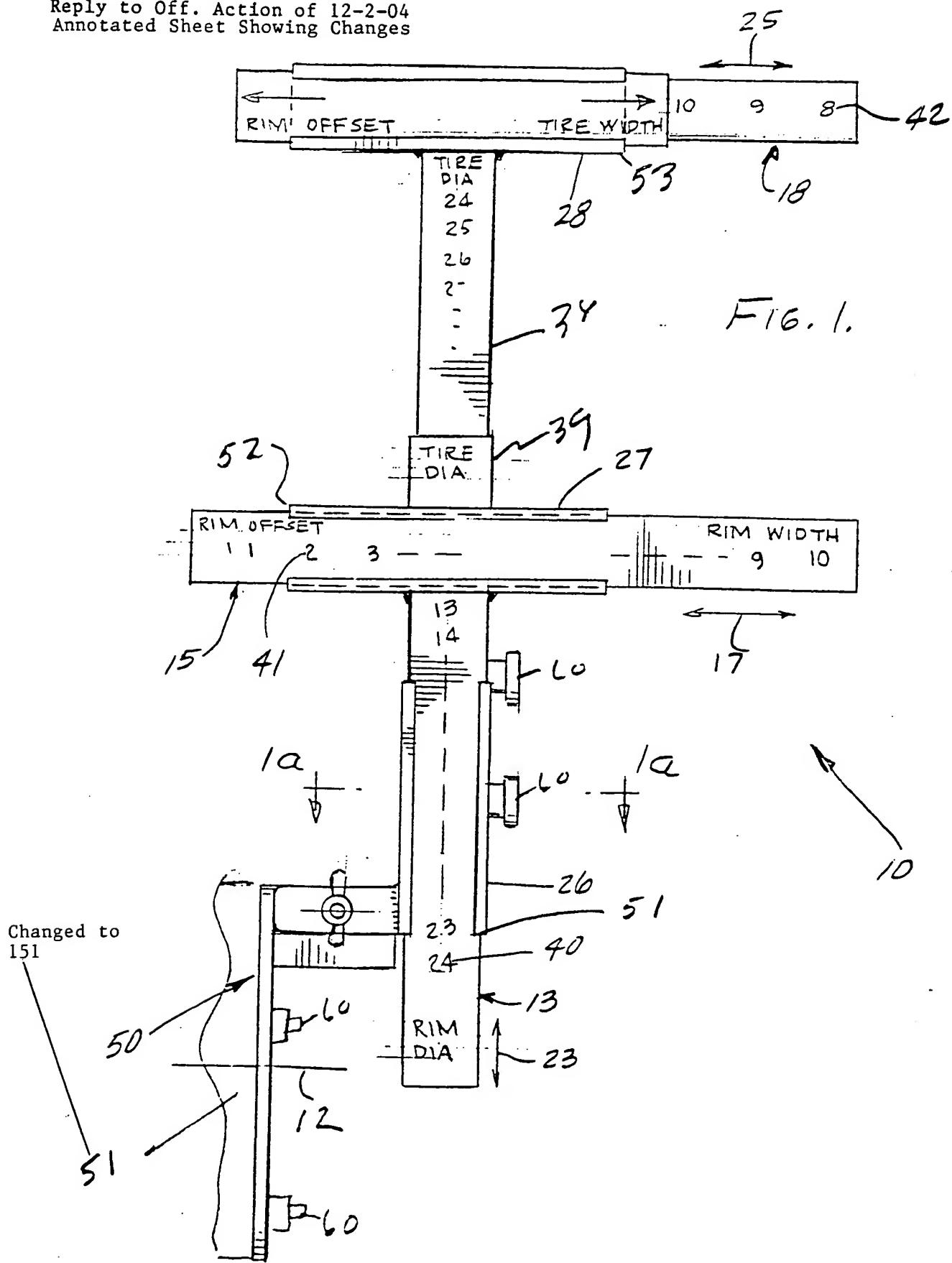
In Fig. 1_a, the numeral applied to the "set screw" is now 160, instead of 60.

In Fig. 5, the numeral applied to the shock absorbers is now "230" instead of 23.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets
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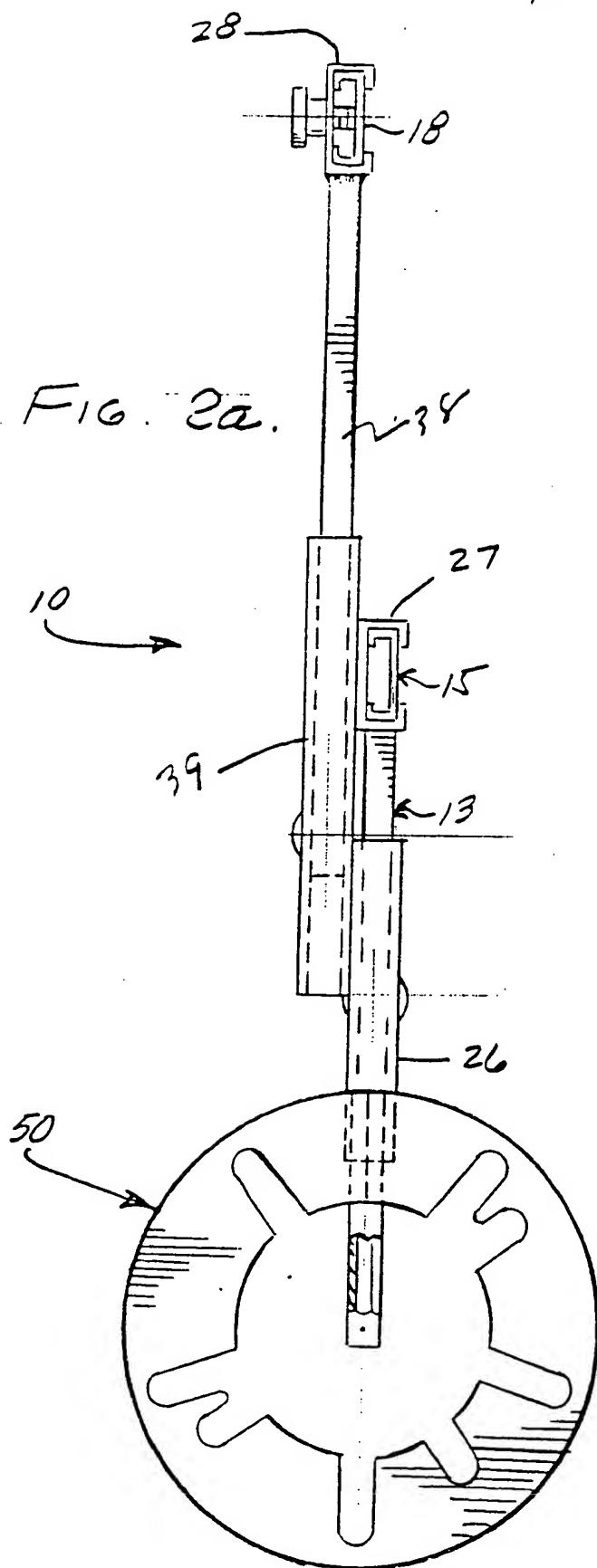
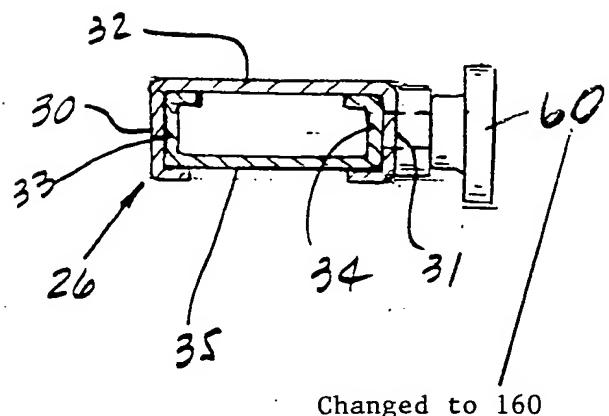


Fig. 1a.



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